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In re Application of: James Morrow

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, and is filed with a Petition to Revive due to Unintentional Abandonment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the present application, of which claims 21-29, 47, 51-56 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 3, and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Acres (U.S. Patent No. 5,655,961). Claims 5, 7, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pease et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,759,102). Claims 2, 4, 8-14, 15 16-17, 18 19 20, 30 45-46 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over several different references that will be described below in detail.

Claims 1, 5-8, 10-11, 13, 30, 38, 46, and 48-50 have been amended solely to clarify the claimed invention. New claims 57-59 have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.

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